

Synthesis and activity against mycobacterium tuberculosis of olivacine and oxygenated derivatives

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Abstract

© 2018 by the authors. The tetracyclic pyrido[4,3-b]carbazole olivacine and four of its oxygenated derivatives have been synthesized by a late-stage palladium-catalyzed Heck-type cyclization of the pyrrole ring as a key step. In a test for the inhibition of the growth of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, 9-methoxyolivacine showed the most significant inhibitory activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, with an MIC₉₀ value of 1.5 µM.

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